**Dead Poets’ Society- Analysis Questions for ENG4C only (i.e., these are different questions than those from 3U/C (however, the 3U/C questions are available for bonus marks as well, available upon request)**

**NAME:**

**Fill in the blanks:**

**1. Describe the setting (time and place) in detail.**

**The setting is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Academy, 195\_\_. All boys’ dormitory or preparatory (prep) school. The boys are approximately \_\_\_ years old.**

**2. Discuss the meaning of how John Keating introduces himself to the class.**

**Mr. Keating was very different, unconventional, interesting to listen to as a teacher and very inspiring. For instance, he asks his students to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_the introduction out of a poetry book, telling the students that they must learn to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for themselves.**

**He shows them pictures of former Welton Students (now deceased); He makes the students realize that they are “food for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_”**

**3. a) What Latin phrase captures part of the theme of this movie?**

**Carpe Diem- which means: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**b) How does this phrase change each of the characters?**

**The boys become more alert to what going on around them. They don’t want to miss any \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_that comes their way!! Their attitude changes because they start to reflect on what they want to do with their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_They also start to question their parents’ decisions which start to cause \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the school.**

**True or false:**

**4. a) What is the meaning of YAWP?**

**Barbaric – Loud cry \_\_\_\_\_**

**b) Who is most affected by it?**

**Todd Anderson. \_\_\_\_\_**

**c) How?**

**Todd was afraid of what people thought of him. He was also too afraid to speak in front of a crowd. \_\_\_\_\_**

**5. This movie shows the battle between conformity and individuality. Discuss this for the main characters, as well as for John Keating.**

**Conformity**

**The boy’s from the Dead Poets Society were used to being told what to do in order to please their parents and most figures of authority. They would conform to most rules to avoid also getting the strap or other violent forms of discipline.**

**Individuality. Some students start to make a stand for what they believe in!! They want a say in what happens in their future. Some of them want to be part of the planning and the final decisions for their studies. \_\_\_\_\_**

**6.**  **Neil Perry wants to become an actor\_\_\_\_\_**

**7.**  **Charlie Dalton changes his name to Newanda\_\_\_\_\_**

**8.**  **Knox Overstreet reads Chris a poem in front of her class. Then he asks her out on a date\_\_\_\_\_**

**9.**  **Todd Anderson stands up for Mr. Keating.\_\_\_\_\_**

10.  **Steven Meeks and Gerard Pitts build a high frequency radio. \_\_\_\_\_**

11.  **Mr. Keating follows a more modern approach to teaching. \_\_\_\_\_**

**12. Dalton is illeterate. \_\_\_\_\_**

**13. Algernon becomes a genius. \_\_\_\_\_**

**14. Foster betrays Sawyer. \_\_\_\_\_**

**15. Keating gets lost in Florida. \_\_\_\_\_**

**16. The Poem “My Captain” has a reference to the Toronto Maple Leafs. \_\_\_\_\_**

**Short Answer:**

**6. What is the Dead Poets’ Society what does it represent?**

**7. Here are several key phrases from the movie. Discuss their meaning (Pick 4 only)**

**a) We are food for worms. We are all mortals. We will all die one day.**

**b) The powerful play goes on and you may contribute a verse. Life, anyone can contribute to society.**

**c) Only in their dreams can men be truly free. T’was always thus and always thus shall be. Goals and dreams give you something to strive for.**

**d) I want you to find your own way to walk.**

**Take hold of the situation and make things happen. Be yourself**

**e) Sucking the merrow out of life does not mean choking on the bone.**

**Even if you live your life to the fullest, it doesn’t mean you should behave irresponsibly or going overboard.**

**f) Gather ye rosebuds while ye may**

**Take advantage of life while you can.**

**g) Make your lives extraordinary.**

**Live each day to the fullest.**

**h) O Captain. My Captain. O wise man (Mr Keating).**